

Filed for intro on 05/01/2002

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 748  
By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize James W. Miller, Sr. of Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, James W. "Jim" Miller, Sr. is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, he has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, born in Knoxville, he moved to Oak Ridge with his parents at a very early age; his father worked for a government contractor at a time before the roads were paved and before homes could be owned by their occupants; and

WHEREAS, Jim Miller earned the respect and admiration of his peers while serving with acumen and alacrity with the Office of Scientific and Technical Information of the Department of Energy before taking a well-deserved retirement after thirty years of federal service; and

SJR0748

01447084

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller has been highly active in Oak Ridge sports since grade school; while a student at Oak Ridge High School, he served as Manager of the Oak Ridge Football Program; and

WHEREAS, he has worked continuously as a volunteer with the program, except for four years while he served gallantly as a member of the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, he has served as sideline coordinator and concession coordinator, developed and printed programs, and raised supporting funds, doing whatever is necessary to help the football program thrive; his devotion to the Wildcats is such that his employer allowed him to take a half-day vacation each football Friday during the season to make sure everything was in order for the evening's game; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the Oak Ridge Booster Club, he has been instrumental in numerous important upgrades to the school's facilities, such as the stadium, field, and concession stands; and

WHEREAS, often seen driving through town in his cardinal and gray truck adorned with paw prints, Jim Miller is known as the main "Wildcat" in Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller is also a devoted family man and cherishes the great love and companionship he shares with his wife, the former Jeanette Shumpert; he is also the loving father of two children, James Wesley Miller, Jr., and Jennifer Lynn Miller and the proud grandfather of four grandchildren, Josh, Jonny, Jacob, and Holly Miller; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller's love for Oak Ridge athletics has been passed along to his succeeding generations who are carrying on the family tradition; and

WHEREAS, James Wesley Miller, Jr., currently serving heroically on active duty with the Air National Guard, volunteers in numerous ways with the football program; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer, a student at Roane State Community College, is an ardent Wildcat supporter; and

WHEREAS, Josh played football for the Oak Ridge Boys' Club and lettered for four years at Oak Ridge High School; and

WHEREAS, Jonny is a rising Junior on the Oak Ridge High School team who also played in the area youth leagues; and

WHEREAS, Jacob plays football for the Oak Ridge Boys' Club and works on the sidelines during Wildcat games; and

WHEREAS, Holly is active in the Oak Ridge Girls' Club sports, tap, and ballet and serves as a volunteer on the sidelines during Oak Ridge High School games; and

WHEREAS, James W. Miller, Sr. is an extremely giving person who has bettered the lives of countless Tennesseans and who epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated community servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller is wholly committed to the noble precepts of service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend James W. Miller, Sr. for honorable and astute service to the athletes and athletics programs of Oak Ridge High School and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.